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REMARKS

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1. Between 27 and 30 November 1951, Soviet troops, who seemed to be recruits, were detained at the railroad stations of Neuruppin (N 53/2 49) and Altruppin. They included: 1,119 men wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets who marched to the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee; and 558 men wearing red-bordered black, black-bordered red and black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia who marched to the Genzrode estate. A total of 615 officers and 2,576 soldiers with 15 flags assembled at the athletic field of Neuruppin on 1 December, apparently for a ceremony during which the recruits were sworn into the army. Specifically, 450 officers and 1,750 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets and carrying seven flags came from the Fridericus Kaserne; 72 officers and 251 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and carrying two flags came from the See Kaserne; and 93 officers and 575 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying six flags came from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. \*
2. On 1 December, all tanks and SP guns previously standing at the Hukburgberg post drill ground had moved to the See Kaserne.
3. On 20 October, four large sheds of the hutment on Scholten Platz sheltered 6 x 120-mm mortars, 3 rocket launchers and 8 x 37-mm AA guns. Four other AA guns of 37-mm were seen in sunken emplacements on Scholten Platz.
4. On 10 November, the Koenigstor Kaserne on Karl-Liebknecht-Strasse was only lightly occupied by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 soldiers were seen receiving instruction on the barracks yard on 17 November.
5. On 10 November, the See Kaserne on Karl-Liebknecht-Strasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 120 soldiers were seen drilling with small arms in the barracks yard, where 6 T-34/85 tanks and 2 JS tanks were parked. Twelve T-34/85 tanks were seen in the barracks yard on 17 November.

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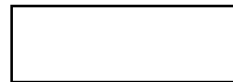
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- 25X1 6. On 16 November, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse was occupied below capacity by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Forty soldiers receiving instruction, 8 x 120-mm mortars, 25X1 1 x 57-mm AT guns and 4 x 122-mm artillery pieces were seen in the 25X1 barracks yard. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 7. On 15 November, 16 x 120-mm mortars and six sentries with red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the yard of the hutment on Scholten Platz. 25X1 The garage there was filled to capacity with vehicles. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 8. The training area at Wulkow, 6 km east of Neuruppin, which had been occupied by troops during the summer, was virtually vacated by 11 November, 25X1 and only the former estate building was occupied by a major guard detachment. Twelve soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at two 25X1 storage buildings, 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets at the camp site southeast of the estate, and truck [REDACTED] in the training 25X1 area proper. \*\* [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 9. On 15 November, the See Kaserne on Karl-Liebknecht-Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Five T-34/85 tanks, [REDACTED] 25X1 and 7 [REDACTED] SU-100 SP guns left the installation toward Kraenzlin. Twelve T-34/85 tanks and 4 JS-3 tanks left the installation toward Kraenzlin on 19 November and returned the following 25X1 day. Another 5 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] and 1 25X1 model SU-100 SP gun left the See Kaserne toward Stoeffin on 19 November. A unit of 6 officers and 196 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles and submachine guns marched from the installation toward 25X1 the city on 23 November. Five T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1 and 1 model SU-100 SP gun left the billeting area on the same day. Another SU-100 SP gun and JS tanks No 415 and 418 of a hitherto unobserved type without muzzle brake moved out of the billeting area on 24 November. 25X1 A convoy of trucks [REDACTED] each carrying 24 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and rifles; trucks [REDACTED] loaded with gasoline barrels; 11 T-34/85 tanks and 1 SU-100 SP gun left the See Kaserne toward the training area on Wittstocker Allee on 26 November.
10. Fourteen 160-mm mortars and 4 x 37-mm AA guns were seen in the yard of the cantonment on Scholten Platz, while eight double sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the pertaining billeting area on 20 November. A battery of 85-mm AA guns in sunken emplacements practiced aiming at a biplane circling at an altitude of about 1,000 meters on 27 November.
11. From 15 to 19 November, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 19 November, 11 officers and 350 senior EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched from the installation to the Paulinenaue railroad station, boarded eight boxcars and departed toward Heustadt on the Dosse River at 6 p.m. A unit of about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and other units of about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia, were repeatedly seen leaving the installation toward Stoeffin between 24 and 25 November. Some of the soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets carried telephone equipment. About 70 soldiers received small-arms drill, while 24 soldiers practiced with three 82-mm mortars on 28 November. About 20 officers with artillery insignia, accompanied by baggage, drove to the main railroad station on trucks [REDACTED] and departed toward
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25X1 Loewenberg aboard the regular train at 11:50 a.m. Vehicles [redacted]  
[redacted] were identified at the Friedrich  
25X1 Franz Kaserne.

25X1 12. On 29 November, the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppin Allee quartered  
25X1 about 4,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, largely with  
25X1 tank insignia. Eighteen officers wearing tank insignia and having  
25X1 baggage with them drove to the main railroad station on vehicles [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] and departed toward Loewenberg aboard  
25X1 the regular train at noon on 23 November. Trucks [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] each carrying 20 soldiers, left the Fridericus Kaserne toward  
25X1 the drill field on Wittstocker Allee on 27 November. Eighteen T-34/85 and  
25X1 JS tanks as well as 4 SU-100 SP guns were seen in the training area north-  
25X1 east of Kuhburgberg on 28 November. The vehicles moved across emplaced  
25X1 logs which projected above the earth surface for about one meter.

25X1 [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted]  
25X1 13. On 29 November, the former girls' school on Puschkin Strasse was occupied  
25X1 by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some  
25X1 with motor transport insignia. Twelve officers and about 120 EM with baggage  
25X1 were seen departing toward Loewenberg aboard the regular train on the same  
25X1 day.

25X1 14. Trucks [redacted] picked up ration supplies at the ration supply installation in  
25X1 the Paulinenaue railroad station on 20 November [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] The issuance of ration supplies was supervised by  
25X1 two officers [redacted]

25X1 \* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] observed 1,600 recruits arriving at the post  
25X1 by rail and marching to the Fridericus Kaserne on 26 November. [redacted]  
25X1 There is the possibility that the Fridericus Kaserne houses a processing  
25X1 center which reassigns the incoming recruits to units in Neuruppin and the  
25X1 other posts in the billeting area of the Second Gds Mecs Army. [redacted]

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